



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2021-0387; Airspace Docket No. 21-AGL-24]

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Proposed Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace, Revocation of Class E Airspace and Establishment of Class E Airspace; Carbondale and Marion, IL

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This action proposes to amend the Class D airspace and Class E airspace at Carbondale, IL, and Marion, IL; revoke the Class E airspace area designated as an extension to Class D airspace at Veterans Airport of Southern Illinois, Marion, IL; and establish Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Southern Illinois Airport, Carbondale/Murphysboro, IL. The FAA is proposing this action as the result of airspace reviews caused by the decommissioning of the Marion very high frequency (VHF) omnidirectional range (VOR) as part of the VOR Minimal Operational Network (MON) Program. The names and geographic coordinates of the airports would also be updated to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before **[INSERT DATE 45 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on this proposal to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590; telephone (202) 366-9826, or (800) 647-5527. You must identify FAA Docket No. FAA-2021-0386/Airspace Docket No. 21-AGL-24 at the beginning of your comments. You may also submit comments through the Internet at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

FAA Order 7400.11E, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/. For further information, you can contact the Airspace Policy Group, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267-8783. The Order is also available for inspection at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of FAA Order 7400.11E at NARA, email: fedreg.legal@nara.gov or go to <https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey Claypool, Federal Aviation Administration, Operations Support Group, Central Service Center, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76177; telephone (817) 222-5711.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority for this Rulemaking

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, Section 106 describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's authority. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it would amend the Class D airspace at Southern Illinois Airport, Carbondale/Murphysboro, IL, and Veterans Airport of Southern Illinois, Marion, IL; revoke the Class E airspace area designated as an extension to Class D airspace at Veterans Airport of Southern Illinois; establish Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Southern Illinois Airport; and amend the Class E airspace

extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Veterans Airport of Southern Illinois to support instrument flight rule operations at these airports.

Comments Invited

Interested parties are invited to participate in this proposed rulemaking by submitting such written data, views, or arguments, as they may desire. Comments that provide the factual basis supporting the views and suggestions presented are particularly helpful in developing reasoned regulatory decisions on the proposal. Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, aeronautical, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the proposal. Communications should identify both docket numbers and be submitted in triplicate to the address listed above. Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments on this notice must submit with those comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: “Comments to Docket No. FAA-2021-0387/Airspace Docket No. 21-AGL-24.” The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter.

All communications received before the specified closing date for comments will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposal contained in this notice may be changed in light of the comments received. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

Availability of NPRMs

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded through the Internet at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Recently published rulemaking documents can also be accessed through the FAA’s web page at https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/airspace_amendments/.

You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office (see the “ADDRESSES” section for the address and phone number) between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the

Federal Aviation Administration, Air Traffic Organization, Central Service Center, Operations Support Group, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76177.

Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference

This document proposes to amend FAA Order 7400.11E, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated July 21, 2020, and effective September 15, 2020. FAA Order 7400.11E is publicly available as listed in the ADDRESSES section of this document. FAA Order 7400.11E lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

The Proposal

The FAA is proposing an amendment to 14 CFR part 71 by:

Amending the Class D airspace to within a 4.2-mile (increased from a 4.1-mile) radius of Southern Illinois Airport, Carbondale/Murphysboro, IL; updating the header of the airspace legal description from “Carbondale, IL” to “Carbondale/Murphysboro, IL” to coincide with the FAA’s aeronautical database; removing the city associated with the airport to comply with changes to FAA Order 7400.2M, Procedures for Handling Airspace Matter; updating the geographic coordinates of the airport to coincide with the FAA’s aeronautical database; and replacing the outdated term “Airport/Facility Directory” with “Chart Supplement”:

Amending the Class D airspace to within a 4.4-mile (increased from a 4.2-mile) radius of Veterans Airport of Southern Illinois, Marion, IL; removing the city associated with the airport to comply with changes to FAA Order 7400.2M; updating the name (previously Williamson County Regional Airport) and geographic coordinates of the airport to coincide with the FAA’s aeronautical database; and replacing the outdated term “Airport/Facility Directory” with “Chart Supplement”;

Revoking the Class E airspace area designated as an extension to Class D airspace at Veterans Airport of Southern Illinois as it is no longer required;

Establishing Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.7-

mile radius of Southern Illinois Airport; and within 4 miles each side of the 181° bearing of the airport extending from the 6.7-mile radius to 11.8 miles south of the airport;

And amending the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface to within a 6.9-mile radius of Veterans Airport of Southern Illinois; removing Southern Illinois Airport from the airspace legal description as a separate airspace legal description is being established for this airspace; updating the name of the airport (previously Williamson County Regional Airport) to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database; and removing the current airspace boundary to be replaced by the radius from the airport.

This action is necessary due to airspace reviews caused by the decommissioning of the Marion VOR as part of the VOR MON Program.

Class D and E airspace designations are published in paragraph 5000, 6004, and 6005, respectively, of FAA Order 7400.11E, dated July 21, 2020, and effective September 15, 2020, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class D and E airspace designation listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

FAA Order 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, is published yearly and effective on September 15.

Regulatory Notices and Analyses

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current, is non-controversial and unlikely to result in adverse or negative comments. It, therefore: (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the

Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Environmental Review

This proposal will be subject to an environmental analysis in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, “Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures” prior to any FAA final regulatory action.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

PART 71 - DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

1. The authority citation for 14 CFR part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g); 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389.

§ 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of FAA Order 7400.11E, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated July 21, 2020, and effective September 15, 2020, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 5000. Class D Airspace.

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AGL IL D Carbondale/Murphysboro, IL [Amended]

Southern Illinois Airport, IL
(lat. 37°46'41"N., long. 89°15'07"W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 2,900 feet MSL within a 4.2-mile radius of the Southern Illinois Airport. This Class D airspace area is effective during specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective dates and times will thereafter be continuously published in the Chart Supplement.

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AGL IL D Marion, IL [Amended]

Veterans Airport of Southern Illinois, IL
(lat. 37°45'18"N., long. 89°00'40"W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 3,000 feet MSL within a 4.4-mile radius of the Veterans Airport of Southern Illinois. This Class D airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Chart Supplement.

Paragraph 6004. Class E Airspace Areas Designated as an Extension to a Class D or Class E Surface Area.

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AGL IL E4 Marion, IL [Removed]

Paragraph 6005. Class E Airspace Areas Extending Upward from 700 feet or More Above the Surface of the Earth.

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AGL IL E5 Carbondale/Murphysboro, IL [Established]

Southern Illinois Airport, IL
(lat. 37°46'41"N., long. 89°15'07"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.7-mile radius of the airport, and within 4 miles each side of the 181° bearing from the airport extending from the 6.7-mile radius to 11.8 miles south of the airport.

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AGL IL E5 Marion, IL [Amended]

Veterans Airport of Southern Illinois, IL
(lat. 37°45'18"N., long. 89°00'40"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.9-mile radius of the airport.

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